



## Human Trafficking

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# What is human trafficking?

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*-Labor and sex*

*-Men, women, boys, and girls*

*-International and domestic*

# Smuggling vs. Human trafficking

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- **Smuggling:**

- Crossing borders

- **Human trafficking:**

- Does not require transportation

# Who are the victims?

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**ANYONE**

- Someone who may be vulnerable  
or
- Someone from the vulnerable population

# **A vulnerable person:**

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- families selling them off
- families being offered a better life for their child
- a person looking for freedom in America or from their own family

# Vulnerable Populations:

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- undocumented immigrants
- runaway and homeless youth
- victims of trauma and abuse
- refugees and individuals fleeing conflict
- oppressed, marginalized and/or impoverished groups and individuals.

# Who are the traffickers?

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- Gangs/ pimps
- Drug dealers
- Family members
- Brothel and fake massage business owners and managers
- Growers and crewleaders in agriculture
- Labor brokers
- Employers of domestic servants
- Small business owners and managers
- Large factory owners and corporations

# Where does this happen?

States are evaluated on the strength and inclusion of the following 10 statutes on: (1) Sex trafficking (2) Labor trafficking (3) Asset forfeiture for human trafficking crimes (4) Training on human trafficking for law enforcement (5) Human trafficking commission, task force, or advisory committee (6) Posting of a human trafficking hotline (7) Safe harbor (8) No requirement for force, fraud, or coercion for minors (9) Victim Assistance (10) Civil remedy

- 7-9 conditions met
- 5-6 conditions met
- 3-4 conditions met
- The worst states



## THE DIRTY DOZEN

Alaska  
Arkansas  
Colorado  
Hawaii  
Massachusetts  
Ohio  
Oregon  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Virginia  
West Virginia  
Wyoming

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# What cases exist in WI?

- Sex trafficking
- Servitude
- **Sheboygan:**
  - sex trafficking
  - gangs

# Signs to look for?

- Does person also have someone around with them?
- Are they free to come and go as they please?
- Do they owe a large debt and is unable to pay it off?
- Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- Lacks health care
- Appears malnourished
- Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport)

# How can you help?

- Educate community
- Politics: listen and learn
- **Victims:**
  - Build trust
  - Listen
  - Save vs. Help